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amount from the depository institution's account to an account that we designate.

(b) If no such BECCS or CUBES securities exist in the depository institution's account, we will instruct the depository institution as to how the adjustment will be made.

(c) If the depository institution fails to comply with our instructions within five (5) business days of receipt of the instructions, we reserve the right to debit the master account of the depository institution for the face value of the adjusted bearer corpora and detached bearer coupons. By the submission of the bearer corpora and detached bearer coupons, the depository institution is deemed to agree to this debit.

§ 358.16 Are BECCS and CUBES accounts maintained separately from the STRIPS program?

BECCS and CUBES accounts are maintained separately from accounts maintained in Treasury's STRIPS (Separate Trading of Registered Interest and Principal of Securities) program.

§ 358.17 Can BECCS and CUBES securities be reconstituted to physical form?

After bearer corpora and detached bearer coupons have been converted to book-entry form, reconversion to physical form is prohibited. The reconstitution of a BECCS security with CUBES securities or any combination of Treasury obligations is prohibited.

§ 358.18 What limitations exist on liability?

- (a) Except as otherwise provided by regulation, circular, or written agreement, any fiscal agent designated to act on our behalf is liable for its action or omission only if it failed to exercise ordinary care.
- (b) We do not assume any responsibility to any party except the sending and receiving depository institutions involved in a BECCS or CUBES transaction
- (c) We do not assume any responsibility in connection with a BECCS or CUBES transaction for the insolvency, neglect, misconduct, mistake, or de-

fault of another bank or person, including the immediate participants.

§ 358.19 Who is responsible for any loss resulting from the conversion of a bearer corpus missing callable coupons?

The submitting depository institution shall indemnify the United States against any loss resulting from the conversion of a bearer corpus that is missing one or more associated callable coupons.

§ 358.20 Can these regulations be waived?

We reserve the right to waive or modify any provision of the regulations in this part for the convenience of the United States or to relieve any person of unnecessary hardship, if such action is not inconsistent with law, does not impair existing rights, and does not subject the United States to any substantial expense or liability.

§ 358.21 Can these regulations be amended?

We may at any time supplement, amend, or revise the regulations in this part.

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§ 359.0 Offering of bonds.

The Secretary of the Treasury offers for sale to the people of the United States, United States Savings Bonds of